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SUBJECT: SADAT PUBLISHES LIST OF CHARGES AGAINST QADHAAFI

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SUMMARY. AFTER EXHIBITING CONSIDERABLE PATIENCE IN FACE OF LIBYAN ANTI-EGYPTIAN ACTIVITIES, SADAT HAS RELEASED LETTER HE SENT TO LIBYAN RCC ON JULY 31, DETAILING FOLLOWING CHARGES: CONTINUING HOSTILE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN BY LIBYAN CONTROLLED MEDIA, "UNETHICAL" QADDHAFI CABLE DURING JALLUD'S TRIP TO EGYPT, GOL DEMAND TO WITHDRAW MIRAGES, ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PROMINENT CAIRO JOURNALIST, EFFORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DYNAMITE SADAT'S MATRUH REST HOUSE, MOLESTATION OF EGYPTIANS IN

LIBYA, BOMBING OF ALEXANDRIA NIGHT CLUB, AND SILLY ATTACK ON GOE ATOMIC REACTOR PROJECT. LETTER STRESSES GRAVE NATURE THESE ACTIVITIES AND TAKES PAINS TO DISSOCIATE LIBYAN PEOPLE FROM QADDHAFI AND HIS "SECRET AGENCIES." END SUMMARY

1. MENA WIRE CARRIED AT 0200Z AUGUST 6 TEXT OF MESSAGE, DATED JULY 31 CAIRO, FROM PRESIDENT SADAT TO CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF LIBYAN RCC. ITEM IS EMBARGOED BY MENA UNTIL 0400Z AUGUST 7. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

2. PRESIDENT BEGINS BY STRESSING HE IS NOT SENDING FOLLOW UP MESSAGE TO PREVIOUS LETTER INTENDED TO DEFINE CHIEF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SISTERLY NEIGHBOUR, SO THAT TOGETHER THEY MIGHT CONFRONT ESSENTIAL ISSUES. COMPLAINING ABOUT LIBYAN MEDIA AND GOL'S IGNORING OF GOE COMPLAINS, SADAT SAYS MEDIA HAVE WORKED TO SABOTAGE DIALOGUE, "A DELIBERATE POLICY AIMED AT SABOTAGING RELATIONS". HE CONTINUES: "I WRITE NOW TO RECORD THAT YOUR POLICY WHICH BEGINS TO TAKE AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS DIRECTION, PROMPTS ME TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THIS WILL HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES..."

3. AFTER GOL TAMPERED WITH MY PREVIOUS MESSAGE," SADAT CONTINUED, SIGNIFICANT GRACE INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE". WHOLE WORLD WAS SURPRISED BY "STRANGE BEHAVIOR OF COL QADHAAFI" WHEN LIBYAN PM MET ME TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS; QADHAAFI AT SAME TIME PUBLISHED HIS "FAMOUS UNETHICAL CABLE" WHICH DISCUSSED "MORALS" THEREBY EMBARRASSING HIS OWN PM STILL IN EGYPT. "WE UNWILLINGLY ADOPTED OUR STAND TO MAINTAIN HONOR OF EGYPTIAN BEHAVIOR AND "TO AVOID ENTERING INTO CHEAP AND EVEN NAIVE MANEUVERS."

4. SADAT COMPLAINED: YOU SENT MAJOR MUHAMMAD NAJM TO DISCUSS ENDING PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN; THEN IT ESCALATED. MEDIA OWNED BY LIBYA DID NOT HESITATE TO INSERT INTO NEWSPAPERS IN OCCUPIED JERUSALEM ITEMS WHICH "PUSHED THEM IN SAME WICKED DIRECTION". (COMMENT: CAIRO'S VOP HAS BEEN QUOTING CRITICISMS OF ALEXANDRIA COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED IN JERUSALEM PAPERS.) "STUPIDITY OF YOUR INFORMATION POLICY "IS SHOWN BY FACT ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES WANT PALESTINIANS UNDER OCCUPATION TO HEAR THE TUNE YOU PLAY.

5. CONTINUING, SADAT RECALLS THAT ON JUNE 12, 1974 AIR FORCE COMMANDER MUBARAK RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM LIBYAN AF COMMANDER SALIH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AL-FARJANI REQUESTING IMMEDIATE RETURN OF LIBYAN MIRAGES AND CREWS BECAUSE THEY HAD "ACCOMPLISHED THEIR FIGHTING MISSION DURING RAMADAN WAR AND THERE IS DIRE NEED FOR THEM IN LIBYA". GOL AFFIRMED PLANES WOULD BE PUT AT OUR DISPOSAL AT TIME OF FUTURE NEED. MUBARAK REPLIED PLANES STILL ASSIGNED TO TASKS IN EGYPT AND WITHDRAWAL CAN OCCUR ONLY BY POLITICAL DECISION. SADAT THEN SENT JUNE 17 LETTER FROM ABU BAKR YUNIS TO MARSHAL ISMAIL MAKING SAME REQUEST. MARSHAL MADE SAME REPLY AS MUBARAK. YUNIS' RESPONSE WAS

"EXTREMELY SHARP..." HE "THREATENED THAT IF PLANES DO NOT RETURN IMMEDIATELY THEY WILL DECLARE TO WHOLE WORLD WE HAVE SIEZED THEM." FROM EGYPTIAN POINT OF VIEW THIS SEEMED "A CONTINUATION OF PRESSURE AND CREATING PROBLEMS FOR EGYPT." ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT CONVINCED, WE SHALL RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR RETURN OF PLANES: "PLEASE SEND A REPRESENTATIVE" TO DETERMINE TIME TABLE FOR RETURN.

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6. SADAT THEN GIVES PARTICULARS OF FULL CONFESSION OF TOBRUK MECHANIC FARAJ ADAM ALI ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF LEADING EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST IHSAN ABD AL-QADDUS. ALI CONFESSED HE WAS ASSIGNED IN APRIL 1974 BY "SECRET AGENCY PERSONALLY AFFILIATED TO COL. QADHAAFI" TO THIS MISSION FOR PAYMENT OF 1,450 LIBYAN POUNDS. HE WAS GIVEN MESSAGE TO LIBYAN MIL ATT IN CAIRO REQUESTING LATTER

"TO FACILITATE MISSION" AND GIVE HIM 200 DINARS. WHILE IN CAIRO HE WAS ARRESTED INITIALLY IN NIGHT CLUB; DOSSIER 1823 OF BULAQ POLICE POST SHOWS TWO OFFICERS FROM MIL ATTS'S OFFICE CONFIRMED HIS STATEMENT THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED BY GOL TO ARREST LIBYAN DESERTORS.

7. SADAT THEN SUMMARIZES CONFESSION OF MIKAIL ATAYAWA OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE SADAT'S REST HOUSE IN MATRUH ON ORDERS GIVEN BY SECRET AGENCIES AFFILIATED WITH QADDHAFI. ATAYAWA ALSO CONFESSED THAT OTHER FOREIGN GROUPS ARE PREACHING NOTION THAT AWLAN ALI ARE LIBYANS AND EGYPTIAN TERRITORY NEAR AMRIYA WILL BE CLAIMED BY LIBYA.

8. SADAT STRESSES ATAWAYA WAS ARRESTED JULY 22 WHILE LIBYAN MEDIA CARRIED QADHAAFI'S "DIRECTIVES" CONCERNING PROSPECTS FOR EGYPTIAN COUP JULY 23.

9. SADAT COMPLAINS OF CAMPAIGN TO MOLEST EGYPTIAN IN LIBYA AND EGYPTIAN SHIP AT LIBYAN PORTS. HE DECRIES "INVOLVING LIBYANS AND OTHER NON-EGYPTIANS IN OPERATIONS INTENDED TO GIVE FALSE IMPRESSION OF DISTURBED ATMOSPHERE IN EGYPT,E.G. "THROWING BOMBS IN PUBLIC PLACE IN ALEXANDRIA."

10. SADAT CITES RADIO PROGRAM FABRICATING MESSAGES FROM EGYPTIANS AND "STRANGE CAMPAIGN" ALLEGING EGYPT IS GETTING US ATOMIC REACTOR TO ALLOW US TO GIVE ISRAEL SIMILAR REACTOR.

11. HE LAMENTS LIBYA HAS BEEN ISOLATED THROUGH ITS OWN "ENMITY".

12. CONCLUDING, SADAT SAYS "ALL ACTS OF LIBYAN COMMAND AIM AT WIDENING GAP BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA AND, MORE THAN THIS, AT SOWING BITTERNESS BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES." ONE OF REASONS FOR OUR CALM REACTION IS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO FOIL THIS PLOT WHICH AMOUNTS TO "PLAYING WITH FIRE WITHOUT REALIZING LONG RUN CONSEQUENCES".

13. HE CONTINUES: "OUR COUNTRY IS OPEN TO ANY SINCERE LIBYAN INITIATIVE..." WE KNOW DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD LIBYAN CITIZENS AND THOSE YOU SENT FOR CONSPIRING AND SABOTAGE." I STILL HOPE YOU REALIZE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATER THAT "EGYPT WILL NOT BE SUBDUED BY PRESSURE EVEN IF THIS WOULD AFFECT REQUIREMENTS OF THE BATTLE..." EGYPT WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED.

14. LETTER CLOSES: "I HAVE CONVEYED THE MESSAGE. GOD IS MY WITNESS."

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15. COMMENT: IN AKHBAR ARTICLE AUGUST 6, ALI AMIN ALERTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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READS TO "AMUSING"LIBYAN INTENTION TO PUBLISH SECRET DOCUMENTS WHICH TRIPOLI BELIEVES SUFFICIENTLY SIGNIFICANT TO MAKE STANDING RAMSES STATUE SQUAT. SADAT MAY HAVE DECIDED TO BEAT QADHAAFI TO THE PUNCH. THREAT CONTAINED IN SADAT MESSAGE, THOUGH UNSPECIFIED, IS OBVIOUS BOTH FROM FORM OF MESSAGE (NO COMPLIMENTARY SALUTATIONS) AND USE OF FORTHRIGHT LANGUAGE: "DELIBERATE POLICY OF SABOTAGE," AND WARNING OF "GRAVE CONSEQUENCES" ATTENDANT UPON "EXTREMELY DANGEROUS POLICY". WE NOTE THAT THROUGHTOUT MESSAGE SADAT HAS HELD TO CURRENT GOE POLICY OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN NEFARIOUS PLOTTING OF QADHAAFI AND AVERAGE WELL-INTENTIONED LIBYAN CITIZEN.

16. WE EXPECT EGYPTIANS WILL APPLAUD SADAAT'S DECISION TO BREAK HIS SILENCE AND SPEAK OUT PLAINLY. LIBYANS ARE HEARTILY DISLIKED HERE AND QADHAAFI IS REGARDED AS MEDICALLY CERTIFIABLE MADMAN.
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